

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 3623

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on April 13, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.